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In the Advisory Action of June 9, 2008, Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 20-22, and 25 were indicated as allowable. The rejections of Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 15-19, and 26 on various grounds under 35 U.S.C. §112 were continued, and Claim 24 was noted as withdrawn from consideration. Claims 12 and 23 were canceled without prejudice in a previous amendment.

By the present amendment, Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 15-19, 24, and 26 are hereby canceled without prejudice. However, Applicants wish to note for the record that they continue to traverse any and all grounds for rejecting the subject matter of Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 12, 15-19, 23-24, and 26, but have determined to cancel these claims or to continue to withhold them in order to advance prosecution. Since all of the remaining pending claims have been deemed allowable, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued with regard to the subject matter of these claims (Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 20-22, and 25) at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now fully in condition for allowance. Action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the appropriate fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

Respectfully submitted,
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